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- A process of using an enterobacterium OmpA 25. for preparing thereof, fragment protein, or a composition intended for specific targeting biologically active substance, which is associated with wherein antigen-presenting cells, enterobacterium OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof, is internalized into the antigen-presenting cells.
- wherein 25, of claim process The 26. enterobacterium OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof, binds specifically to antigen-presenting cells.
- The process of claim 25, wherein said antigenpresenting cells are chosen from dendritic cells, monocytes and B lymphocytes.
- The process of claim 27, wherein said antigen-28. presenting cells are dendritic cells.
- said 25, of claim process The 29. enterobacterium OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof, is obtained from a culture of said enterobacterium, using an extraction process.
- said wherein claim 25, of The process 30. enterobacterium OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof, is obtained by a recombinant process.
- said 25, wherein claim of process The 31. enterobacterium is Klebsiella pneumoniae.
- The process of claim 31; wherein the amino acid sequence of said OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof, comprises:
- having sequence sequence acid a) the amino SEQ ID No 2;
- the amino acid sequence of a sequence having at b) least 80% homology with the sequence SEQ ID No 2;
- the amino acid sequence of a fragment, of at least c) 5 amino acids, of a sequence as defined in a) or b).



- 33. The process of claim 25, wherein said biologically active substance is chosen from peptides, lipopeptides, polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, nucleic acids, lipids and chemical substances.
- 34. The process of claim 33, wherein said biologically active substance is coupled by covalent attachment with said OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof.
- 35. The process of claim 34, wherein the coupling by covalent attachment is chemical coupling.
- 36. The process of claim 35, wherein one or more attachment elements are introduced into said OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof, and/or into said biologically active substance, in order to facilitate the chemical coupling.
- 37. The process of claim 36, wherein said attachment element introduced is an amino acid.
- said wherein 34, process of claim The 38. biologically active substance coupled by covalent attachment with said OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof, is a recombinant chimeric protein resulting from the expression of a nucleic acid construct encoding said biologically active substance and said OmpA protein, or a fragment thereof.
- 39. The process of claim 38, wherein said biologically active substance is an antigen or a hapten.

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